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THE CREDIT VALLEY HOSPITAL

**Health Minister Recognized
By Mississauga Hospitals For SARS Intervention**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Mississauga, Ontario) The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care now has a permanent memento of the role he's played on behalf of the patients and healthcare workers during the SARS crisis. Last night, The Board of Governors of The Credit Valley Hospital and The Board of Directors of The Trillium Health Centre, made a special presentation to The Honorable Tony Clement, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for his efforts during the SARS crisis. The hospitals at their annual joint education conference, held last evening at the Glen Erin Inn in Mississauga, presented the minister with an original artwork representing the health care professionals, the minister and the coronavirus, the virus believed to be responsible for SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome).

Presented jointly by Trillium Board Chair, Don Stuart, and Credit Valley Board Chair Gord Stovel, the award was a small token of the hospitals' appreciation for Mr. Clement's commitment to the hospitals during the crisis and his efforts on the world stage as he traveled to Geneva to meet with representatives of the World Health Organization to plead for the lifting on the travel advisory for Toronto-bound visitors. Mr. Clement and other representatives from the public health, were successful in their efforts to have the ban lifted within 24 hours of their visit with WHO.

The artwork was created by Luke Itani, a recent graduate of the masters program in biomedical communication at the University of Toronto. Mr. Itani has combined this degree with a postgraduate certificate in 3D animation from Sheridan College. His undergraduate degree is in toxicology.

Photo of Presentation and original artwork available on request.

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